

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A junction field-effect transistor comprising:
a first conductivity type first semiconductor layer having a substantially flat cross-sectional shape and having a channel region;
a buffer layer of either a first conductivity type or undoped, formed on said channel region in the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer, the buffer layer having a substantially flat cross-sectional shape; and
a second conductivity type doped region extending into the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer to a top surface of the buffer layer, but not extending through the buffer layer,
wherein a first conductivity type carrier concentration in said buffer layer is lower than a first conductivity type carrier concentration in said first conductivity type first semiconductor layer.
2. (Currently amended) The junction field effect transistor according to claim 1, wherein said first conductivity type carrier concentration in said buffer layer is not more than one tenth of said first conductivity type carrier concentration in said first conductivity type first semiconductor layer.
3. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 1, wherein said first conductivity type first semiconductor layer is composed of silicon carbide.
4. (Previously presented) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 1, further comprising another second conductivity type doped region formed under said channel region.

5. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 1, further comprising:

another buffer layer of the first conductivity type, formed under the channel region; and
another second conductivity type doped region formed to reach the other buffer layer, and
formed in ~~another~~ a first conductivity type second semiconductor layer formed under the other
buffer layer,

wherein a first conductivity type carrier concentration in said other buffer layer is lower
than the first conductivity type carrier concentration in said first conductivity type first
semiconductor layer.

6. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 5, wherein
said first conductivity type carrier concentration in said another buffer layer is not more than one
tenth of said first conductivity type carrier concentration in said first conductivity type first
semiconductor layer.

7. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 1, further
comprising a semiconductor substrate composed of n-type silicon carbide, wherein

said first conductivity type first semiconductor layer is formed on one main surface of
said semiconductor substrate.

8. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 7, further
comprising:

a gate electrode formed on the surface of said second conductivity type doped region,
an electrode, either a source electrode or a drain electrode, formed on the surface of said
first conductivity type first semiconductor layer, and

another electrode, either a drain electrode or a source electrode, formed on another main
surface of said semiconductor substrate.

9. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 7, further comprising:

a gate electrode formed on the surface of said second conductivity type doped region, and
a source electrode and a drain electrode formed on the surface of said first conductivity type first semiconductor layer.

10. (Currently amended) A junction field-effect transistor comprising:

a first conductivity type first semiconductor layer having a substantially flat cross-sectional shape and having a channel region,

a buffer layer of a second conductivity type formed on the channel region in the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer, the buffer layer having a substantially flat cross-sectional shape, and

a second conductivity type doped region ~~formed~~ extending into the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer to a top surface of the buffer layer, but not extending through the buffer layer,

wherein a second conductivity type carrier concentration in the buffer layer is lower than a first conductivity type carrier concentration in the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer.

11. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 10 wherein the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer is composed of silicon carbide.

12. (Previously presented) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 10 further comprising another second conductivity type doped region under the channel region.

13. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 10 further comprising:

another buffer layer of the first conductivity type under the channel region, and
another second conductivity type doped region that reaches the other buffer layer and is
in ~~another~~ a first conductivity type second semiconductor layer under the other buffer layer,
wherein a first conductivity type carrier concentration in the other buffer layer is lower
than a first conductivity type carrier concentration in the first conductivity type first
semiconductor layer.

14. (Previously Presented) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 13 where
the first conductivity type carrier concentration in the other buffer layer is not more than one
tenth of the first conductivity type carrier concentration in the first conductivity type first
semiconductor layer.

15. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 10 further
comprising a semiconductor substrate composed of n-type silicon carbide,
wherein the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer is formed on one main
surface of the semiconductor substrate.

16. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 15 further
comprising:

a gate electrode on the surface of the second conductivity type doped region,
an electrode, either a source electrode or a drain electrode, on the surface of the first
conductivity type first semiconductor layer, and
another electrode, either a drain electrode or a source electrode, on another main surface
of the semiconductor substrate.

17. (Currently amended) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 15 further comprising:

a gate electrode on the surface of the second conductivity type doped region, and

a source electrode and a drain electrode on the surface of the first conductivity type first semiconductor layer.

18. (Previously Presented) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 1 wherein the second conductivity type doped region does not extend into the buffer layer.

19. (Previously Presented) The junction field-effect transistor according to claim 10 wherein the second conductivity type doped region does not extend into the buffer layer.